

WHITNEY PIER NEWS

SUCCESSFUL CONCERT
A very successful concert was held on Friday evening in the U. N. I. A. Hall, Kingston Road by the members of the Colored Athletic and Dramatic clubs. There was a large attendance present, and each number on the interesting programme was greatly enjoyed.

The chairman for the evening, Mr. Sommers Spencers, was introduced to the audience by Mr. Adolphus Hedley.

The programme is as follows:
Oh Canada!
Solo—Mr. John Armstrong.
Clarinet and Saxophone Duet—Messrs. A. Hedley and W. Harris.
Recitation—Horatio Sargeant.
Saxophone Selection—W. Harris.
Piano Duet—Cyril MacLean and H. Sargeant.
Instrumental Selection—C. McLean and his orchestra.
Clarinet Solo—A. Hedley.
Instrumental Selection—H. Marsh and A. Hedley.
Violin Selection—Cyril MacLean.
Instrumental Duet—W. Harris, A. Hedley.
Solo—Mr. John Armstrong.
Remarks—Archdeacon D. E. Phillips.

Vote of Thanks—A. Hedley, The King.

Mr. Ernest Thomas was the accompanist for the evening and Mr. Luther Pyle was also heard in several appreciative selections on the guitar.

This programme was very successful, and much fine musical talent was present.

PIER "MOHAWKS" VICTORIOUS
A snappy game of basketball was played on January 30th at the Community House, when the "Mohawks" successfully defeated the New Waterford "Maple Leafs" by a score of 53-32.

The Pier players all played a splendid game, with John Urquhart high scorer for the "Mohawks" with 29 points, while S. Burns was high light for the Leafs with 12 points.

A. MacAulay and G. McLeod, of the Pier team, were very effective on the defence. The line-ups of the teams are as follows:
Mohawks: J. Urquhart, 29; S. MacAulay, 10; J. McInnis, 6; G. McLeod, 4; D. McCormick, 4; A. MacAulay, W. McAulay.
Leafs: S. Burns, 12; J. MacDonald, 10; W. Harper, 8; B. Copeland, 2; Beall, Copeland, and B. McIntyre.

A large number of hoop fans witnessed this game.

Negotiations are now being arranged between the three Maple Leaf teams of New Waterford and the following Pier teams Community House "A", Mohawks and the Junior team.

All these teams have splendid players and interesting games are expected in the near future.

SUNDAY SERVICES AT ST. PHILIPS CHURCH
There were large congregations present at all the services at St. Philips African Orthodox church on Sunday.

At the ten-thirty o'clock morning service the Rev. Archdeacon Spencers gave a splendid address on "Disarmament and Peace." There was the usual celebration of Holy Communion.

At the evening service there was a large number present and the theme of the pastor's address at this service was "Working for World Peace." Mr. O. D. Crick assisted in the prayers at the service, and Mr. Norman B. Crawford presided at the organ, and led in the singing.

At the close of the vesper service

TO ADDRESS Y'S MEN.
Leonard W. Fraser, Director of Information in the Provincial Government, and Secretary of the Royal Commission Investigating coal and wage conditions, will be the special speaker at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Y's Men's Club, Thursday, at the Isle Royale Hotel. Matters related to 1932 tourist trade will be exhaustively dealt with by the speaker.

SPECIAL NOTICES
Miles' Grocery closes at 12 o'clock today. Order early.

Keep the date open for the Valentine Tea at the Baptist Church Hall, Friday, February 5th. 2-2-1.

Selling better all the time—our special blend Tea at 35 cents lb. or 3 lbs. for \$1.00. Miles' Grocery, 251 Charlotte street.

ANNUAL MEETING
The annual meeting of the Lonsburg Chapter I. O. O. E. will be held in the Legion Rooms, Dorchester street, Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A full attendance requested. Election of officers. 2-2-2.

You can buy 3 cans Peas, Corn or Tomatoes for 25 cents at Miles' Grocery.

NOTICE.
There will be a meeting of the Registered Nurses Association on Wednesday, Feb. 3rd, at 3 p.m., at the Marine Hospital, George St. A good attendance is requested. 2-2-2.

California... 49, and 69 cents dozen at Miles'. Phone 90 or 91. Free delivery.

BORN—A son on Feb. 2nd, 1932, in Montreal, to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest B. Jubien.

Nice new Dates 4 lbs. 25 cents. Miles' Grocery

MINERS POSTPONE ACTION ON RUSSIA
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 2.—The biennial convention of the United Mine Workers of America in a resolution adopted here yesterday took the position that recognition of Soviet Russia should be withheld until that government concedes the right of the people of the United States to manage their own affairs.

The miners also adopted by a unanimous, rising vote, a resolution pledging themselves to do their utmost in securing the passage of the "Soldiers' Bonus" bill in the United States Congress.

The resolution relating to Russia declared "the people of this country and our government have not interfered, and in like manner it will be our privilege to share the destinies of our country and of our Labor Unions without interference from other nations."

Resolutions on unemployment insurance, federal regulation of the coal industry and the principle of government acquisition of basic industries were adopted by the convention.

Sunday other resolutions were considered by the convention while awaiting reports of the important scale and constitution committees.

The wage question is expected to come up at today's session. A general policy for the bituminous field will be determined by the convention.

Light Stolen
A valuable auto light was stolen from the car of Tony Bruno, 847 Victoria Road, according to a report filed by him with police headquarters yesterday.

Returns to Halifax
Completing a three day business trip to Sydney and adjacent towns J. Stanley Fraser, Provincial Organizer of the Nova Scotia Conservative Association, returned yesterday as being quite ill, although physicians in attendance are hopeful that complete recovery will eventually ensue.

Three Killed in Bronx Gang War
NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Once more the dogs of gang war are barking in the Bronx.

"The screams of children echoed last night as gang gunners, bursting into a Commonwealth avenue apartment, slew a woman and two men, and fled even as one of the children was panting her story of murder to the corner policeman.

Police said today it was the "Dutch Schultz-Vincent" gang war again; that Schultz gangsters were hunting Coll and succeeded only in sending death to three others.

Those killed were: Pasquale De Greco, 32, a Coll confederate who has been arrested five times in as many months; Florio Basile, 40, an ex-convict whose record dates back to 1912; and Mrs. Emily Tarrizello, 35, whose connection with the others was not entirely clear to police today.

The wounded, Mrs. Lena Vinciguerra, 28, mother of four children and sister of the slain Florio; Louie Basile, brother of Florio; and Joseph Parrone, 19, Louis Basile was critically wounded. A bullet lodged near his heart.

The six, together with six children were eating a mid-evening lunch—sandwiches, salami and gin gerale—when there was a knock at the door. One of the children ran to open it.

Back On Duty.
Miss Helen Calvert of the Unemployment Bureau returned Monday morning from a several weeks' visit to friends and relatives in St. John, Montreal and the United States.

Youths Ordered To Court.
The case of two Pier youths, Postelwiese and P. P. Sen, charged with mischief and ringing in false alarms, scheduled for hearing yesterday in the city court was again adjourned for a week.

INVOLVED IN "HONOR SLAYING"



Here are four of the principals in the Honolulu "honor-slaying" which has aroused world-wide opinion. Joseph Kahanahawa, native Hawaiian, accused with four other countrymen of a criminal attack on Mrs. Thalia Masse, who was kidnapped and slain while on her way to a second trial for the offence, the jury having disagreed at the first trial, despite Mrs. Masse's identification of the accused men. Mrs. Granville Fortescue (left), mother of Mrs. Masse (right), and Lieutenant Thomas Masse (below), are under arrest, together with two Englishmen, charged with the slaying. Lower right is Joseph Kahanahawa, the murdered native.

BEARCATS DEFEAT HALIFAX WOLVES

Snappy Hockey is Played by Maritime Teams

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 2.—Truro Bearcats handed out a 4-2 defeat to the Halifax Wolverines in the Eastern N. S. League here last night, and at the same time came the rumor, verified shortly after, that Kentville Wildcats had withdrawn from the circuit leaving the battleground to Halifax and Truro. Lack of finances was given as the cause for the withdrawal of the Jentville squad. Last night's standing, showing the status of the Valley outfit, before withdrawal, is as follows:

P. W. L. D. P. A. Pts.	
Truro	17 14 3 0 77 56 28
Halifax	16 11 5 0 68 38 22
Kentville	16 3 12 1 28, 76 7

At Moncton Amherst Ramblers of the Central League defeated Moncton Maple Leafs, 5 to 2.

In the northern New Brunswick section Campbellton Tigers were downed by Fredericton Capitals, 9 to 2; at Fredericton Bathurst Paper-makers were whitewashed, 7 to 0 by the Tigers, and at Charlottetown Moncton Hawks whipped Charlottetown Abegweit, 2 to 0.

In the western N. S. section Digby Ravens and Church Point battled the first of two games for the title, Digby Ravens winning 6-2. They meet at Lunenburg Friday for the final game.

In the Valley League Acadia administered a 3-2 lacing to Wylieville while in the mid-valley Waterville Tigers defeated Berwick Cubs, 5-0.

In the South Shore League Lunenburg downed Bridgewater, 2-1.

WOMAN ARRAGED.
Judge Walter Crowe was engaged in county court yesterday hearing evidence in the case of Florence Nolan, charged by the Customs Department with having contraband liquor. Preventive Officer Archie McKay of the Customs Department is the informant in the case, with E. McK. Forbes and L. D. Currie the opposing attorneys.

The Late Joe Wludka.
Members of the foreign colony at Whitney Pier turned out in large numbers Monday afternoon to attend the funeral of Joseph Wludka, 28-year-old Polish steelworker which was held from his late residence, Wesley Street, to the Polish Catholic church, where service there and at the grave-site was conducted by Rev. Fr. Leo O'Connell, pastor. Burial was made in Calvary cemetery.

Ill in Montreal.
Dan C. McDonald, Provincial Manager of the Harris Abbator branches in Nova Scotia, and well known Sydney man who underwent a serious operation in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, Saturday afternoon, was reported yesterday as being quite ill, although physicians in attendance are hopeful that complete recovery will eventually ensue.

Reports False.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2.—Ambassador Claudel of France, told Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson today that published reports of Franco-Japanese understanding were false.

Three Slain.
NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—Two unidentified men walked into an apartment in the Bronx tonight whipped out revolvers and shot two men and a woman to death. They also wounded three other persons.

Premature.
"Doctor, you don't seem to grasp my case," said the gouty old gent. "You talk as if there were nothing the matter with me, whereas I assure you I am enduring the tortures of the lost!"

"What! Already?" queried the doctor.

Social And Personal

By Bey Barrington

FROM SHANGHAI

Mrs. Arthur Kendall Receives Cable from Nephew

Mrs. Arthur Kendall, King's Road, was, on Tuesday morning, in receipt of news from Shanghai, which came in the form of a cable from her nephew Mr. Ronald Huntington a former Cape Breton man, which said "Safe, all well." Mr. Huntington who is a Marine insurance man, is with his family, at present, Dr. Kendall thinks, living within one of the British compounds.

Visiting in Town
Mr. Harold Bodwin, formerly of Sydney, now of New Glasgow, was among the week-end visitors in the city.

New Glasgow Visitor
Mrs. Milton Hamilton, of New Glasgow, arrived in the city on Monday, where she will be the guest for the next few days of Mrs. D. G. MacDonald, Union street.

Leaves for Halifax
Miss Mary Cusack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cusack, Prince street, left by Sunday evening's express for Halifax to enter the novitiate of the Sisters of Charity, in Mount Saint Vincent.

Little Parties
Mrs. J. H. Travis, Rigby Road and Mrs. C. D. Buck, entertained, recently, for a number of the younger set, at two delightful little bridge parties. The prize winners for the one included Miss Marion Buck and Miss Marion Muggah, for the girls and Mr. Norman Fraser and Mr. Douglas Landry for the boys, while at the other Miss Mary Marsh and Miss Susan Setchel for the girls and Mr. Victor Coffin and Mr. Carman Crawford, for the boys, were the lucky players.

Dance
The chaperones for the dance, which the Young Men's Catholic Institute are giving on Monday, February 8th, will include Mrs. George Nunn, Mrs. C. MacNeil, Mrs. Stephen MacDonald and Mrs. M. Timmons. The affair, which promises to be quite one of the social events of the season, will be held in the Imperial Hall and the committee in charge will include Mr. Patrick Boyle, Mr. Robert MacPhee, Mr. Donald Morrison, Mr. Michael Proctor and Mr. John Gallagher.

Victorian Order
The annual meeting of the Victorian Order of Nurses, will be held in the Council Chamber, of City Hall, on Wednesday afternoon, February 3rd at three o'clock, when it is hoped there will be a large attendance.

Children's Party
Mrs. Bert Harris, Union Street, was hostess, one afternoon this week, at a children's party, given in honor of the third birthday of her little daughter Betty. The children looked most attractive in their pretty party frocks and made a charming picture seated around the prettily appointed table centered with huge candle lighted, birthday cake, upon which all eyes were directed until the time of cutting up the dainty, arrived.

Due Social
The Missionary Society, of the First United Church, held their annual "Due Social" in George Street Hall, on Monday evening, when at the close of the business session a pretty little dramatic sketch was presented and was followed by a pleasant hour's chat over the tea cups.

Business Girls
The much looked forward to dance, which "The Business Girls Club" are giving, will be held in King's Hall, on Wednesday evening and will, no doubt, prove to be as great a success as are all the affairs to have been given by this popular club. Miss Telte MacDonald, the popular president, is as usual exercising every effort to ensure the pleasure and comfort of the guests who will no doubt, number into the hundreds.

Unorthodox Prayer
Let him not grow great, O Lord Make him no celebrity, For grown great he may not be Satisfied to stay with me.

He'll bobnob with dazzling folk, And if I cannot keep the pace He'll forsake me and acquire A smarter woman in my place.

Guard him, Lord, from sudden fame, Keep him striving, humble, pure, Let not the mountebank Success Make him a celebrity.

—A. S. Flaumenhaft

Prof-readers are for peace between China and Japan.
Toledo Blade.

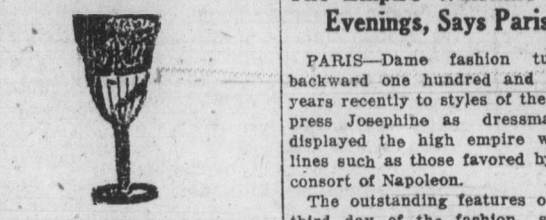
I mean to go on, till they call me up for the last time. Then, when Peter takes off my front glass—and asks me how I got on, I do hope and pray that I shall be able to say, "All right! I have done my job."—A Deep Sea Diver.

Teach me your mood, O patient stars, Who climb each night and ancient sky, Leaving on space shade, no scars, Nor trace of age, nor fear to die—Emerson.

Seemingly, the wide world has gone to the bottom of the pit and dug in its toes. The trend hereafter must be upward.—Alfred E. Smith.

Truth can not suffer a permanent defeat.—Henry Morgenthau.

A Goblet Of Pure Gold



Paris—Dame fashion turned backward one hundred and forty years recently to styles of the Empress Josephine as dressmakers displayed the high empire waists—lines such as those favored by the consort of Napoleon.

The outstanding features of the third day of the fashion shows were evening gowns designed with waist-lines only two inches below the bust and with long, tight skirts.

Watermelon red shantung evening frocks, dresses with white wool bodices and black wool skirts, sea green dull satin gowns all designed with high waists, square necks and deep puffed sleeves were shown.

Even the street costumes reflected empire lines, many consisting of a separate blouse and skirt with a waistline two inches higher than normal, creating a tall, slender silhouette.

The fabrics were universally dull. Among the new materials was a quilted silk crepe called "Cloquez," and a white silk similar to grained leather in appearance, called "Galuchat." Muffs and cuffs were an innovation on coats. They were barrel muffs attached to the left sleeves and worn as cuffs or muffs.

Dresses showed a new jacket fastening, buttoning straight up the back for ten inches at the waistline.

New colors were terra cotta brown, abinthe green and sky blue. The displays were viewed by fewer from this side of the Atlantic than at any time since the war.

Colors
Among the special shades now under discussion among the French modistes are Clair Soeurs' pale dusty rose, and a dusty aquamarine baptized "sea at dawn" by Vera Borea.

Otherwise novelty colors are mostly vivid, highlighting reds, like poppy-glow and Spanish orange will be the most popular for the spring.

The cotton promotion by several houses is interesting buyers. The number of woolen dresses is likewise proving interesting, although doubt is expressed as to their acceptance for summer.

However, they are expected to influence silks toward the so-called rustic types, such as Coudeudier's Malgache, or spongy silks like Berger's Mousseuse or Miracrepe, and dull synthetic mixtures like Blanchini's Plammilol.

Fewer color contrasts than were previously advocated are noted. Navy, strong green, and grey are all greatly favored.

There are some stripes, which are given a novel aspect as a result of being used lengthwise.

Entire dresses of linen are shown. Silks include several fresh-looking prints in small designs, developed in afternoon and casino dresses, or as trimmings.

Several good town coats adopt loose casual lines in three-quarter length, with linen collar and cuffs. For evening, some train effects and deep back décolletés appear. There is considerable dull crepe, some lace, organdie, chiffon and taffeta.

Evening colors are white, abinthe and soft pink.

Hats favor turned-up brims, as well as regulation saliors.

Out of Town Visitor
Mr. Daniel MacIntyre, of Gloucester, is visiting in the city, where he is the guest of his daughter Mrs. W. E. Payne, Charlotte Street.

Embroidery Guild
Mrs. I. C. Mackie, Hospital Street, is entertaining this (Tuesday) afternoon, for the Embroidery Guild, of the First United Church.

Mr. C. S. Jamieson, Charlotte Street, who recently returned from a business trip, to Montreal, has ever since his return, been confined to the house with a severe cold. Mrs. Jamieson is also laid up with the same malady.

Mr. A. B. Edwards, Maritime salesman for Ganong Brothers, St. John, New Brunswick, accompanied by Mr. R. W. Roper, representative for the same firm, the business visitors in the city and are registered at the Isle Royale Hotel.

Improving
"Bud" Atkinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Atkinson, now of Moncton, formerly of Sydney, who with his mother was visiting in New York, where he was taken ill with appendicitis and underwent an operation in one of the hospitals, in that city, is reported to be doing remarkably well although still unable to leave the institution.

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Community House.
There is coming off, on Wednesday, a membership drive for the Community House Auxiliary which will take the form of a tea at Community House, for which Miss Jean Stevenson has sent out the following clever invitations:

"On February 3rd at the hour of three, At Community House we hope you will be; When we plan our work and pay our fee, Over a milk cup of tea. Providing milk for babies, biscuits too, And classes for mothers are the things we do. To clothe the kiddies we also strive, Won't you respond to this membership drive?"

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SCHOOL REPORTS SHOW INCREASE IN ENROLLMENT

Board of School Commissioners Receive Reports Of Supervisor Woodill And Principal Ellis

The submission of reports for the month of January by Supervisor Woodill of the common schools, Principal Ellis of the Academy, and School Nurse Buchanan, featured the session of the Board of School Commissioners last night in the civic council chambers.

The report of Supervisor Woodill stated that January of 1932 showed an increase of 56 in the enrollment over the corresponding month of 1931, with a total of 5,540 for the year including the grade 9 division. The summary of Mr. Ellis showed that in spite of the addition to the common school of several grade 9 classes, there was an increase of 30 in the Academy enrollment.

The reports in detail follow:

Common Schools	Enroll.	Att. Pc.
Holy Angels Con-vent	285	279 83.9
Argyle	267	355 86
St. Joseph	390	387 86.4
Rockdale	660	639 87.7
Ashby	98	90 89.2
Constantine	688	665 83.2
Villa Nova	461	472 89.2
Eastmount	218	213 83.8
Whitney	400	194 86.3
Holy Redeemer	491	462 84
Auxiliary Class	816	789 88.9
Grade Nine	18	16 74.5
Total	364	342 85.9

Report of Miss Buchanan, School Nurse:

Departments visited	...
Class Inspections	33
Pupils Examined	29
Physical Record Cards Filled	612
Pupils Inspected	1456
Found Defective	510
Vision	3
Tonsils	56
Teeth	451
Notification to Parents	33
House Visits	10
Health Talks	33
Pupils Weighed	1274
Underweight	460

Miss Buchanan reported that through the efforts of the Senior Red Cross, one pupil was given the benefit of an operation and three had glasses procured for them.

The report of D. J. Furell, head of the evening Technical Class department, was also given and follows:

Class	Reg.	Pc.
Stenography (Adv.)	23	38
Stenography (Elem.)	12	44
Dressmaking (Adv.)	28	64
Dressmaking (Elem.)	23	82.1
Bookbinding	10	82.2
Domestic Science	15	76.7
Auto-mechanics (Adv.)	34	45.4
Auto-mechanics (Elem.)	37	87.5
Electricity	10	88
Mathematics	11	84
Arithmetic	10	77.8
Business English	12	91.7
Chemistry	13	89.4
Radio	18	91.4
Mechanical Drawing	16	91.4
Whitney Pier Division:		
Dressmaking	13	100
Preparatory	18	100

Motorist Fined.
Foune guilty on charges of driving a car without a license or operator's permit cost Dan Ham Pier motorist, the sum of \$37 and costs when he appeared before Magistrate Hill in the city court yesterday, with an alternative of 25 days in the county jail in default of payment.

Courts Chambers.
Applications heard before Judge Crowe of the county court in chambers over session yesterday. Chambers summons granted E. McK. Forbes re Lavelle cases; application of W. A. D. Gunn for chambers summons, re Schneider; application for chambers summons re Mayer Solomon, granted C. M. Rosenblum; application for chambers summons re Higgins granted A. D. Gunn.

Hotel Arrivals
Arrivals reported at the Isle Royale yesterday are: M. Nathan, St. John, N. B.; P. L. Spicer, Parrsboro; W. M. Bingham, Moncton; H. B. Reid, St. John; A. G. Winch, Montreal; D. H. Kitteredgè, Quebec; L. W. Sutherland, Moncton; D. H. McQuarrie, St. John; W. A. Sutherland, Halifax; F. A. Blake, Halifax; W. G. Hannan, Montreal; J. W. Oxner, Halifax; J. D. Reid, Halifax; R. G. Hartley, Halifax.

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THE COLLIERY PROBLEM.

AS was to have been expected, the submissions being presented to the Royal Commission on colliery wages are achieving a comprehensive scope. The Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation has not only placed its operating cost studies on record, side by side with comparative tables showing the corresponding expenses of competitors, but it has also outlined to the Commission its so-called "re-allocation plan" involving the abandonment of four of its mines and more intensive operation of the remaining collieries.

Broadly speaking, the Union's point of view is that the Nova Scotia colliery industry should be so operated as to provide a maximum of benefit to the miners and their dependents. In his very able submission on Monday, President D. W. Morrison pointed out that for the past two years the wages disbursed were entirely inadequate for the maintenance of the colliery population, and argued that a reduction from the existing scale would create an even less satisfactory condition. He met the Company's calculation that it had lost \$1,800,000 on last year's operations with the statement that the aggregate wage loss to the miners had been three times as great.

Needless to say it is not the purpose of this review to prejudge any aspect of the case, or to discuss the merits of either submission. Two things however are obvious. One is that the formulation of a national fuel policy falls entirely within the purview of the Government and Parliament of Canada. The other is that the re-allocation of colliery operations is the obvious right of the owners of the mines, who may be assumed to be desirous of making the industry successful and their investment profitable.

It is quite true that the fuel legislation enacted at the last session of Parliament did not assure the Canadian coal market to Canadian collieries. But it gave the largest subventions and the most generous tariff protection to the Canadian colliery industry that conditions warranted, and was the most advanced measure of assistance the Canadian coal trade ever received.

accorded the Canadian colliery industry amount to almost \$2,000,000 per year.

In all fairness it should be recognized that Parliament cannot reasonably be expected to go much farther in the development of a national fuel policy, till the Canadian operators are in a position to meet the fuel requirements of the Canadian market. Such a policy must proceed by practicable stages, broadening out from time to time as colliery operations become enlarged. The recent legislation should give the Nova Scotia mines such an augmented market in Central Canada as will absorb 1,000,000 tons above the peak of the past, as soon as normal business conditions are restored. With this increased production, costs should be lowered, and the field of competition pushed still further into the Province of Ontario.

REAL PERSONS IN FICTION.

How far may a writer of fiction go in drawing his character from living models? asks the Boston Globe. After noting that a New York woman recently sued the author of "The Flesh" for \$50,000 on the ground that he "portrayed her in a character named Shirley," it says: Shakespeare is believed to have got back at some of his boyhood enemies in his delineation of Falstaff and Master Shallow. Fielding's Squire Western would probably fit scores of hard-drinking, fox-hunting gentlemen of his day. Tolstol is said to have a living model for Anna Karenina.

THE DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

ONLY by accepting Carlyle's formula and making our denominator of expectations zero, can we guard against disappointment over the Disarmament Conference, now in session at Geneva, which is seeking a formula for lightening the enormous financial burden the civilized nations are carrying in peace times, in preparation for wars that should never take place. During the two years of a world wide business depression, unemployment, want and general financial stress, armaments have cost nations which have been unable to balance their civil budgets billions of dollars annually. If these largely needless and always dangerous expenditures were reduced by international convention to reasonable peace-time requirements, an even greater blessing would be conferred on the world than by a general prohibition of inter-governmental war debts.

the responsibility of administering the affairs of hundreds of millions of under-developed peoples scattered through all parts of the world. Her need of large naval and military forces is therefore a fact which no disarmament conference can overlook, either in fairness or in safety. It would be an evil day for the world that should see Britain's sea-power reduced below the irreducible standard necessary to enable her to preserve the peace, and enforce respect for life and property rights in her world-encircling Empire.

PRESS BRIEFS

- CRESCENDO. The rumor that the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen is to accept a seat in the Senate grows stronger.—Moncton Transcript.
A CHINESE PUZZLE. If the present situation in Manchuria does not, in a diplomatic sense, constitute a "state of war," China is puzzled to know what to do.—Vancouver Province.
A WOMAN GOVERNOR. Premier Bennett has been asked to select a woman to represent His Majesty the King at Ontario's government house. The suggestion seems fair enough.—Winnipeg Tribune.
A BLAZING EXAMPLE. The burning alive of scores of Hindus by Muslims in Keshmir is a sample of what might be expected generally should the British authority be withdrawn from India.—Toronto Mail and Empire.
THE POLAR FEVER. H. G. Watkins, the young leader of last year's Greenland exploration party, contemplates leading an expedition into the Antarctic next fall. Mr. Watkins seems to have caught the polar fever, which usually lasts as long as life.—Montreal Gazette.
COST OF ARMAMENTS. Lord Robert Cecil, a great worker for international peace, says that the nations of Europe are spending some \$500,000,000 annually on armaments. This burden of itself is justification for an international attempt to limit armaments, or at least to arrest their expansion.—Montreal Herald.
CHECKED IMMIGRATION. Immigration to the United States in November, 1931, amounted to only 3,748 individuals, the lowest number of people to enter the republic since November 1831, exactly 100 years ago. Thus it appears the United States is back where it was when it had a population of only 15,000,000.—Moncton Times.
THE RAILWAY INQUIRY. The only sittings of the railway investigation commission so far held in camera, have been discussions with different provincial governments and with the heads of the two railways. Obviously these could not be open to the public, if a free expression of opinion were to be solicited.—Calgary Herald.
A DIVIDED CABINET. The situation that has arisen in the ranks of the National Government of Great Britain has created a great stir among constitutional authorities. Certainly it is unparalleled that a divided Cabinet should remain in office and should submit its policy to the decision of Parliament. To do so is to break all records in Parliamentary procedure, one of the main bases of which has been the solidarity of the Cabinet.—Regina Star.
ABUSING THE PRESIDENT. The unanimous opinion of all decent Americans is expressed by Governor Franklin Roosevelt in the statement that "Democracy can never tolerate abuse of the person of the President of the United States." In the same speech the Governor rebuked "those men and women, members of both parties, who forget their sense of fair play and at the same time the fact that their victim at the moment is the President." Hearst, the chief offender, can not be expected to heed such admonitions. He has little respect for Governor Roosevelt, anyway.—Seattle Times

THE ROUND TABLE "A Mirror of This Mighty World."

- QUEEN OF THE HOME? (Ottawa Citizen) The women of Quebec have again been denied the right to vote in provincial elections, although they vote in federal contests. Arthur Belanger, Liberal member for Levis, led the attack upon the bill. This is M. Belanger's summing up of the issue: "Queen of the Home" is the proper title for the women of this province. Above all, I say, the role of Quebec women is maternity." Of course, it is not merely perversity, not even stupidity, that makes politicians in Quebec discharge such shafts of Socratic sagacity. The cause goes much deeper. It has its roots in the social system of the province. The women themselves, or a majority of them, believe what Mr. Belanger says. The truth is, of course, that in such matters which vitally affect the home and male domination, the Province of Quebec is still part of New France.
BUSY THEORISTS. (Regina Star) The convention of the United Farmers of Alberta has come to an end after approving some resolutions of a decidedly red complexion. The idealists had a prolific innings. Extravagant theories were put forth and greedily accepted, though it is probable that few present had the slightest idea of what was involved in them. Mr. Robert Gardner talked eloquently of the need for a "co-operative commonwealth." All that can be learned for his scheme is that the Government would seize everything at hand, land, credit, water power, radio and so on and work it for "service, not profit." Then the delegates wanted public ownership of land, complete revision of the monetary and credit system, no private monopoly of radio, the seizing of the water powers and a few other things of a like nature by which they evidently hope to bring in the Millennium. It is evident that they would like to turn the world upside down; whereas most people want to see it turned right side up. It might be asked if the U. F. A. would not have been doing a more useful work by paying greater heed to its own affairs. The financial report showed that it was unable to "balance its budget." The membership had fallen off greatly and subscriptions had heavily decreased. Here was something far more important than useless debate on impossible topics. The delegates would have been just as well occupied in trying to square the circles as in debate on subjects outside the pale of practical politics. But that seems to be what more on from year to year without possibility of achievement.
SHANGHAI BATTLES. (Toronto Globe) The occupation of Shanghai by the Japanese, accompanied by fierce fighting, is just another reminder that a major war in the Far East is not at all impossible. China's helplessness is one factor which has hitherto prevented such an occurrence. The immediate danger in Shanghai is an unpremeditated incident embroiling Japan with some other foreign Power. With thousands of well-armed soldiers within rifle-shot distance of each other—soldiers of four or five different nationalities—disastrous accidents are not impossible. It is noteworthy that the more irresponsible writers in the more irresponsible journals of Japan and the United States are talking about "the next war." The greatest service that friendly neutrals can render the cause of peace in the Far East is to urge a settlement in Manchuria on a basis of common-sense realism. Japan has rights there; so has China—rights greater on paper. But the exercise of these rights causes inevitable conflict. Either the Chinese or the Japanese flag will have to disappear from Manchuria before there is permanent peace. The change might follow forceful annexation. Or it might follow a treaty indemnifying China for any loss of sovereignty. If the agreement is not made before a war, it will be made afterward. There is food for thought in that fact.
A VENOMOUS ATTACK. (The Sentinel) A highly provocative editorial appeared in the Sydney (N.S.W.) Record, on January 11. Denying with conditions in India the writer charges the British Government with a determination to "drive the insurgents into the field where they can be put down by military force." That is equivalent to saying that the policy of the administration is to increase the native population to the point of desperation and resort to ruthlessly shooting them down in cold blood. A more untrue and mendacious and disloyal statement could not come from the pen of Britain's bitterest enemy. And yet it appeared in a public journal published in the loyal province of Nova Scotia. Surely there will be vigorous protests by the people of Nova Scotia against such a disgraceful slander of the Government of Britain. The writer cannot be ignorant of the patient efforts of Prime Minister MacDonald and his colleagues to find a satisfactory solution of the problem of India. The Round Table Conference devoted weeks of discussion to find a way to make concessions for self-government that would be acceptable to the different racial elements of that vast population. The practical certainty of bloody civil war between the Moslems and the Hindus, and a state of chaos if British authority were removed, stood in the way of finding a remedy for the discontent of Gandhi and his followers. If Britain withdrew from India and civil war ensued, the world would hold the British Government most responsible. Probably the first to denounce the Mother Country, in such an event, would be the editor of the Sydney Record. It is so easy for an irresponsible writer to sit in a newspaper office, remote from the scene of the trouble, and give vent to his hatred of responsible statesmen, that perhaps no attention should be paid to his views. But those Canadians who have some comprehension of the difficulties that surround the question of the independence of India must seriously deplore such an unpardonable attack. The animus of the writer is further revealed in his suggestion, that the Indians should adopt the Irish Republican methods of murder from ambush to force the British Government to withdraw from India. That is what is contained in the following paragraph from the article to which we refer: "The hit and run tactics that won the practical independence of Ireland ten years ago, would be particularly effective in the crowded cities of India which could be made almost untenable for Europeans by"

"QUIPS AND CRANKS"

- No Preference. Suitor—Although you are a millionaire, my love is so great, sir, that it emboldens a poor man like myself to seek a daughter of yours in marriage. Father—Which of the girls is it, young man? Suitor—Any one of the four, sir.
AND WINGS. Salesman: "Did you like that cigar I gave you? For 500 coupons of that brand you get a banjo." Clerk: "If I smoked 500 of those cigars, I'd need a harp."
THE REAL TEST. "The English language is very poor." "You want to hear my wife grumble and you would think it was a very rich language."
JUST HUMAN NATURE. Mrs. W. F. writes: "Six-year-old Edwin wanted to continue playing, but I told him he must go to bed. Looking up at me, he said: "Mamma, don't say 'must' to me. It makes me feel 'won't' all over."
SHOW OUR COLORS. "If I were trying to match politeness," said the woman customer, glaring at the shop assistant, "I'd have rather a job to find it here." The assistant was equal to the occasion. "Let me see your sample, madam," she said.
WHY WORRY? "I wonder why folks worry. There are only two reasons for worry. Either you are successful or you are not successful. If you are successful there is nothing to worry about; if you are not successful there are only two things to worry about. Your health is either good or you're sick; if your health is good there is nothing to worry about; if you are sick there are only two things to worry about. You are either going to heaven or you are not going to heaven; and if you are going to heaven there is nothing to worry about; if you are going to the other place you'll be so busy shaking hands with old friends you won't have time to worry—so why worry?"
AND NOT A BAD ONE. Faint heart never won fair lady. That's about the only advantage there is in being faint-hearted.—Judge.
A WELL-BALANCED PAIR. How about those newly wed next door to you, do your lives blend well? "Very well indeed. She has the grey matter and he has the long green."
THE ANSWER. She: "I notice that you smoke your cigarettes shorter?" He: "Yes. You see, I smoke them longer."
NOT NECESSARY. "Did you visit the art galleries when you were in Dresden?" "We didn't need to. Our daughter painted."
TIME CURED THAT. Hubby: "You didn't have a rag on your back when I married you." Wife: "Anyway, I've plenty of them now."
CAMOUFLAGE. A motor-bandit was observed to be wearing buff spats, probably with the object of distracting attention from his face.—Punch.

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